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USDA TO HOLD NATIONAL WILDLIFE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WASHINGTON, March 31, 2005—The U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold a meeting of the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 21, 22 and 23, 2005, at USDA's National Wildlife Research Center, 4101 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, Colo.

The three-day meeting will focus on policies, program issues and research activities within wildlife services. The meeting will be open to the public, but due to time constraints, the public will not be able to participate in the committee's discussions. Any interested individual or group can file a written statement before or after the meeting regarding any of the issues discussed.

Members of the committee advise the secretary of agriculture on USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's wildlife services program activities, research and policies. APHIS is responsible for managing wildlife conflicts, preventing wildlife damage to agriculture and natural resources and protecting communities from wildlife threats. The committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the wildlife services program to have a voice in the program's policies.

Written statements related to meeting topics can be filed with the committee before or after the meeting. For more information or to file comments, contact Joanne Garrett, chief, operational support staff, USDA, APHIS, WS, 4700 River Road, Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234 or call (301) 734-7921. When submitting statements in writing, refer to Docket No. 05-008-1.

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